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IN RE THE APPLICATION OF: K. Matsutani, et al.

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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EXAMINER: D. Davis

TITLE: Ophthalmologic Knife

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

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TRANSMITTED HEREWITH IS AN [X] AMENDMENT, [] REPLY, [] AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION IN THE ABOVE-IDENTIFIED APPLICATION.

[] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

[] A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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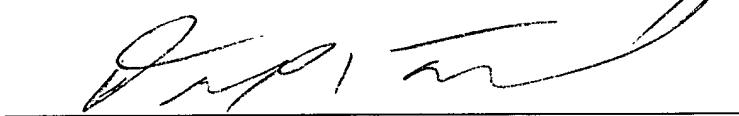
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I hereby certify that this Amendment, as well as an attached Transmittal, and Petition for One Month Extension of Time, in Docket No. NAK-059-USA-PCT, Serial No.09/939,579, filed August 28, 2001, was deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:

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